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LETTER DATED 4 APRIL 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 29 March 1996 addressed to you by the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Iraqi regime (S/1996/230) alleging that Kuwait has recruited a number of Iraqi nationals to carry out acts of sabotage and terrorism for the purpose of undermining security and stability in Iraq.

While fully confident that no one will believe such lies, given that they emanate from an Iraqi regime whose record in dealing with States and international and regional organizations attests to the fact that it has lost all credibility, Kuwait nevertheless rejects these charges and allegations as no more than figments of the imagination or inept fabrications.

These allegations represent nothing so much as the latest in a series of attempts by the Iraqi regime to divert attention from the worsening internal problems that beset the Iraqi people as a result of that regime's oppressive policies. The policy of levelling accusations at outside parties and fabricating problems and crises is one that it has long been the custom of the Iraqi regime to pursue.

Kuwait's external policy is marked by its commitment to the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, in particular that of non-interference in the internal affairs of other States.

An aspect of the matter that causes us concern and prompts us to call for circumspection and caution is that the letter claims that Kuwait has been planning to carry out acts of sabotage against the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM). We believe, on the basis of the experience we have had of the schemes entertained by this regime, that this accusation may have been made in order to prepare the way for it to take some kind of action against UNIKOM and then lay the blame on Kuwait.

Accordingly, we once more reiterate our utter rejection of such lies, and we call upon the Iraqi regime to comply with all the Security Council resolutions relating to its aggression against the State of Kuwait with a view

to achieving security and stability in the Gulf region and mitigating the suffering of a people that has endured much because of that regime's erroneous policies and miscalculations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Permanent Representative